

Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and review

Minutes: February 23, 2016

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 2 Regan Court, Mathias Building #56, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, at 1:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairman Blackburn and Commissioners Booth, Jackson, Filippi, Pearson and Richard.

Also present were Executive Director W. Keith Burlingame Esq. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

Absent from today's hearing were Commissioners Thornton, Sylvester and Walker.

Minutes: Commissioner Jackson made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Richard and Filippi, to accept the February 16, 2016, minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

APPEAL #160010: Michelle Gerez and Kim Waite appeared for the property located at 544 Pleasant Street Pawtucket. Chief Octavio Vieira, Deputy State Fire Marshal (DSFM) Eric Kiernan and Deputy State Fire Marshal (DSFM) Michael DeRosa appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to table this case until April 26, 2016. The Board advised the Applicant to work out a proposed plan of action with the State Fire Marshal's Office and present that plan to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160011: Joseph Kfoury for the property located at 91 Crandall Road, Tiverton, requested to postpone his hearing for one (1) week. The Tiverton Fire Marshal's Office had no objection to postponing the hearing for one (1) week. The Board advised the Tiverton Fire Marshal' Office and the Applicant that the above property would heard on March 1, 2016. No motion was taking by the Board at this time.

APPEAL #160012: Jerome Godin appeared for the property located at 266 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal (ADSF) Michael Dutilly appeared for the Harrisville Fire Marshal's Office. DSFM Thomas Dettore appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded

by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant a time variance of sixty (60) days to repair and maintain all sprinkler system components into compliance. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to correct the following deficiencies: installation of exterior emergency lighting, the installation of automatic-closing devise on the entrance door, the fire alarm control unit must have a new breaker lock with labels, and any other deficiencies deemed necessary by the State Fire Marshal's Office. The Applicant was granted a time variance of fifteen (15) days to properly maintain, inspect and have the fire extinguishers tagged, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's office. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160007: Bruce Coppola, Rick Crowley and Donald Cotoia appeared for the property located 415 Taunton Avenue, East Providence. ADSFM Kenneth Botelho and ADSFM James Bellamy appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to grant the Applicant with a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a fully compliant fire alarm system, upgrades to the sprinkler system and repairs to the front door. The Applicant must provide an approved second means of egress from the service repair area. The Applicant must also provide this facility with an approved separation between the office and the services area of this facility, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the East Providence

Fire Marshal's Office. The Board granted the Applicant ninety (90) days to implement the above plan of action. Finally, the Board authorized the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above timelines for good faith compliance efforts being demonstrated with the provisions of the Board Rules and Regulations sections 6-2-22.1. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

None

Open Forum / Public Comment:

None

Adjournment: Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Blackburn to adjourn the meeting at 1:48 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Desiree Campanini